

APPENDIX G - Community Project List

Consultation with the community highlighted a number of issues of interest and concerns that cannot be the subject of formal policies in a Neighbourhood Plan because they do not directly relate to spatial planning.

These projects summarised below are intended to inform future project priorities to be managed by the Parish Council on behalf of the community and will be delivered as funding allows. Funding contributions for these projects would be sought, where possible, from planning conditions, Section 106 agreements or the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Project 1. ***Enlargement of the Village Hall***

The Village Hall is not large enough to meet the needs of the community and the additional housing in The Hanneys that has been approved but not yet built or occupied will increase demand even further.

A plot of land adjacent to the Village Hall had been identified as an area reserved for possible expansion. However, the VOWH planning department has confirmed that as the Hall is located in Flood Zone level 3b, planning permission would not be granted for any building work that would extend the current footprint of the building. The only option is to convert the veranda and Committee Room area of the Hall to provide additional community space within the current footprint. The estimated cost of the conversion is £40000.

Project 2. ***Enlarged Car park for the Village Hall***

Car parking at the village hall is insufficient for the present population. With the expected population growth and the fact that many developments are not near the village centre it is expected that more people will want to drive to the village hall. An area for car park expansion has been identified and approved by East Hanney Parish Council. It is located to the east of the Hall and will extend the current overflow car park on to an unused section of the playing field providing an additional 32 spaces. It is easy to implement and would consist of an open grid which allows grass to grow and so provide a robust but green looking parking area. The cost will be £43000 and planning permission has been granted for this project.

Evidence

The carpark is often full when events are held at the village hall.

In the Neighbourhood Plan survey we asked the following question “Which of the following items should we seek to provide or improve through the Neighbourhood Plan process?” 55 out of 184 requested a larger carpark at the village hall.

Project 3. *Improved footways, styles and brideways*

This project would include replacing styles with kissing gates to provide easier access for residents who have difficult climbing over styles.

Evidence

In the Neighbourhood Plan survey we asked the following “What improvements to public footpaths and brideways would you like to see?” 68 out of 233 respondents would like to see styles replaced with kissing gates.

At the consultation event at the primary school a number of people suggested improvements to footpaths to make them buggy accessible.

In the Neighbourhood Plan survey we asked the following, “What is your opinion of the village character?” 158 out of 237 stated that they strongly agreed that they value the network of footpaths.

The cost of replacing each style with a kissing gate is £450.

Project 4. *Cycle path to Grove*

The existing by-way to Grove (Cow Lane) is heavily rutted and unsuitable for walking or cycling. This project would be to improve the surface. The cost is dependent on the type of surface and the amount of work required.

Evidence

In the Neighbourhood Plan survey 184 respondents out of 215 residents suggested improvements to this by-way.

Project 5. *Traffic calming opposite the primary school*

This project is to provide traffic calming measures to reduce the amount of speeding traffic passing outside the primary school. The type and layout would be agreed with Oxfordshire County Council Highways but the options are limited as many traffic calming measures require street lighting to be installed and that is unlikely to find approval from our residents. West Hanney Parish Council has researched the cost of installing speed warning cameras which do not require installed street lighting and each camera will cost £2000 - £4000 depending on functionality. Cost of alternative measures to be determined.

Evidence

A traffic survey shows that there is substantial flow of traffic through the village, generally east bound in the morning and west bound in the afternoon peak. This demonstrates that the route through the village is used by commuters from villages and towns to the west reaching centres of employment to the east. This traffic is causing problems particularly outside the primary school.

In the Neighbourhood Plan survey we asked “how concerned are you about traffic speeds in the following locations?” For the road between East Hanney and West Hanney (outside the primary school) 142 out of 228 responses were very concerned.

Project 6. *Community Infrastructure Levy*

To ensure that the local element of CIL funding is focused in projects that have been identified by the community.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that, where appropriate, development contributes to village infrastructure. All new development is potentially liable for a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The infrastructure projects 1 to 5, above, have been identified during the production of the Plan. They will be prioritised as CIL funding becomes available. In working through the various projects and coming to decisions on their relative priority and delivery, the Parish Council will work with partner organisations to identify their various costs. This project refers specifically to the Parish Council's use of the local element of any CIL funding generated in the neighbourhood area.